

OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING WITH PYTHON

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Classes and Objects

- Python is an object oriented programming language.
- Almost everything in Python is an object, with its properties and methods.
- A Class is like an object constructor, or a "blueprint" for creating objects.



Classes and Objects

- Create a Class:
 - To create a class, use the keyword **class**

```
class MyClass:  
    x = 5  
  
print(MyClass)  
  
Output: <class '__main__.MyClass'>
```

- Create an Object:
 - After a class is created, it can be used to create objects

```
class MyClass:  
    x = 5  
  
p1 = MyClass()  
print(p1.x)  
  
Output: 5
```



- The **`__init__()`** Function
 - All classes have a function called `__init__()`
 - This function is always executed when the class is being initiated
 - In other words, it is called automatically every time the class is being used to create a new object
 - It is similar to **Constructor** in C++ and Java
 - Usage:
 - Assign values to object properties
 - Declare other operations that are necessary to do when the object is being created



Classes and Objects

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

p1 = Person('John', 36)

print(p1.name)
print(p1.age)
```

Output:

John

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Classes and Objects

- The `__str__()` Function
 - Controls what should be returned when the class object is represented as a string
 - If not set, the string representation of the object is returned
 - Similar to **toString()** method in Java
 - An example WITHOUT the `__str__()` function:

```
class Person:  
    def __init__(self, name, age):  
        self.name = name  
        self.age = age
```

```
p1 = Person('John', 36)
```

```
print(p1)
```

Output:

```
<__main__.Person object at 0x15039e602100>
```



Classes and Objects

- The `__str__()` Function
 - The same example WITH the `__str__()` function:

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def __str__(self):
        return f'{self.name}({self.age})'

p1 = Person('John', 36)

print(p1)

Output:
John(36)
```



Classes and Objects

- Object Methods
 - Objects can contain methods (functions that belong to the object)

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def myfunc(self):
        print('Hello my name is ' + self.name)

p1 = Person('John', 36)
p1.myfunc()
```

Output:
Hello my name is John



- The **self** Parameter
 - It is a reference to the current instance of the class
 - It is used to access variables that belong to the class
 - It does NOT have to be named **self** and can be called whatever
 - It MUST be the **first parameter** of any function in the class



Classes and Objects

- The **self** Parameter
 - Using 'mysillyobject' and 'abc' instead of 'self':

```
class Person:
    def __init__(mysillyobject, name, age):
        mysillyobject.name = name
        mysillyobject.age = age

    def myfunc(abc):
        print('Hello my name is ' + abc.name)

p1 = Person('John', 36)
p1.myfunc()
```

Output:
Hello my name is John



Classes and Objects

- Modify Object Properties

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def myfunc(self):
        print('Hello my name is ' + self.name)

p1 = Person('John', 36)

p1.age = 40

print(p1.age)
```

Output:

40



Classes and Objects

- Delete Objects and Object Properties
 - Use the **del** keyword
 - Delete an object property:

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def myfunc(self):
        print('Hello my name is ' + self.name)
```

```
p1 = Person('John', 36)
```

```
del p1.age
```

```
print(p1.age)
```

Output:

```
AttributeError: 'Person' object has no attribute 'age'
```



Classes and Objects

- Delete Objects and Object Properties
 - Delete an object:

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def myfunc(self):
        print('Hello my name is ' + self.name)

p1 = Person('John', 36)

del p1

print(p1)
```

Output:
NameError: 'p1' is not defined



Classes and Objects

- The **pass** Statement
 - Class definition CANNOT be empty
 - If we need a class with no content, put in the **pass** statement
 - This helps avoiding errors

```
class Person:  
    pass
```



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- Inheritance allows us to define a class that inherits all the methods and properties from another class
- **Parent class (Base class)** is the class being inherited from
- **Child class (Derived class)** is the class that inherits from another class



Inheritance

- Create a Parent Class
 - Any class can be a parent class
 - The syntax is the same as when creating a normal class

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        self.firstname = fname
        self.lastname = lname

    def printname(self):
        print(self.firstname, self.lastname)

x = Person('John', 'Doe')
x.printname()
```

Output:
John Doe



- Create a Child Class

- The child class inherits the properties and methods of the parent class
- To create a child class, send the parent class as a parameter of the child class

```
class Student(Person):  
    pass
```



Inheritance

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        self.firstname = fname
        self.lastname = lname

    def printname(self):
        print(self.firstname, self.lastname)

class Student(Person):
    pass

x = Student('Mike', 'Olsen')
x.printname()
```

Output:
Mike Olsen



Inheritance

- Add the `__init__()` Function to Child Class
 - When added the `__init__()` function, the child class no longer inherits the parent's `__init__()` function
 - It **overrides** the inheritance of the parent's `__init__()` function

```
class Student(Person):  
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):  
        # Add properties etc.  
        pass
```



Inheritance

- Add the `__init__()` Function to Child Class
 - To keep the inheritance of the parent's `__init__()` function, add a call to the parent's `__init__()` function

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        self.firstname = fname
        self.lastname = lname

    def printname(self):
        print(self.firstname, self.lastname)

class Student(Person):
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        Person.__init__(self, fname, lname)

x = Student('Mike', 'Olsen')
x.printname()
```

Output:
Mike Olsen



Inheritance

- Use the **super()** Function
 - Make the child class inherits all properties and methods from its parent
 - Do not have to use the name of the parent class

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        self.firstname = fname
        self.lastname = lname

    def printname(self):
        print(self.firstname, self.lastname)

class Student(Person):
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        super().__init__(fname, lname)

x = Student('Mike', 'Olsen')
x.printname()
```

Output:
Mike Olsen



Inheritance

- Add Properties to Child Class
 - We can add properties to the child class, aside from the inherited properties from its parent
 - These properties are exclusive to the child class only, not the parent class

```
# Add a property called 'graduationyear' to the Student class:
class Person:
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        self.firstname = fname
        self.lastname = lname

    def printname(self):
        print(self.firstname, self.lastname)

class Student(Person):
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        super().__init__(fname, lname)
        self.graduationyear = 2019

x = Student('Mike', 'Olsen')
print(x.graduationyear)
```

Output:
2019



Inheritance

- Add Properties to Child Class
 - The year 2019 should be a variable, and passed into the Student class when creating Student objects
 - We add the year as another parameter in the `__init__()` function

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        self.firstname = fname
        self.lastname = lname

    def printname(self):
        print(self.firstname, self.lastname)

class Student(Person):
    def __init__(self, fname, lname, year):
        super().__init__(fname, lname)
        self.graduationyear = year

x = Student('Mike', 'Olsen', 2019)
print(x.graduationyear)
```

Output:
2019



- Add Methods to Child Class
 - Similar to Properties, these Methods are exclusive only to the child class, not the parent class
 - If a function with the **same name** as in the parent class is added to the child class, it **overrides** the inheritance of the parent



Inheritance

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
        self.firstname = fname
        self.lastname = lname

    def printname(self):
        print(self.firstname, self.lastname)

class Student(Person):
    def __init__(self, fname, lname, year):
        super().__init__(fname, lname)
        self.graduationyear = year

    def welcome(self):
        print(f'Welcome {self.firstname} {self.lastname} to the class of {self.graduationyear}')

x = Student('Mike', 'Olsen', 2019)
x.welcome()
```

Output:

Welcome Mike Olsen to the class of 2019



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Polymorphism

- "Polymorphism" = "Many forms"
- It refers to methods/functions/operators with the **same name** that can be executed on many objects/classes



Polymorphism

- Function Polymorphism

- A well-known example is the **len()** function
- **len()** can be used on different objects

```
# STRING
myStr = 'Hello World!'

print(len(myStr))

Output: 12
```

```
# TUPLE
myTuple = ('apple', 'banana', 'cherry')

print(len(myTuple))

Output: 3
```



Polymorphism

- Function Polymorphism

```
# DICTIONARY
myDict = {
    'brand': 'Ford',
    'model': 'Mustang',
    'year': 1964
}
```

```
print(len(myDict))
```

```
Output: 3
```



- Class Polymorphism
 - Polymorphism is often used in Class methods
 - We can have multiple classes with the same method name



Polymorphism

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, brand, model):
        self.brand = brand
        self.model = model

    def move(self):
        print('Drive!')

class Boat:
    def __init__(self, brand, model):
        self.brand = brand
        self.model = model

    def move(self):
        print('Sail!')

class Plane:
    def __init__(self, brand, model):
        self.brand = brand
        self.model = model

    def move(self):
        print('Fly!')
```



Polymorphism

```
car1 = Car('Ford', 'Mustang')      # Create a Car class
boat1 = Boat('Ibiza', 'Touring 20') # Create a Boat class
plane1 = Plane('Boeing', '747')    # Create a Plane class

for x in (car1, boat1, plane1):
    x.move()
```

Output:

Drive!

Sail!

Fly!



- Inheritance Class Polymorphism
 - Child class inherits the properties and methods from the parent class
 - This means they can use the properties and execute the methods with the same name in the parent class without having to declare them



Polymorphism

```
class Vehicle:
    def __init__(self, brand, model):
        self.brand = brand
        self.model = model

    def move(self):
        print('Move!')

class Car(Vehicle):
    pass

class Boat(Vehicle):
    def move(self):
        print('Sail!')

class Plane(Vehicle):
    def move(self):
        print('Fly!')
```



Polymorphism

```
car1 = Car('Ford', 'Mustang')    # Create a Car object
boat1 = Boat('Ibiza', 'Touring 20') # Create a Boat object
plane1 = Plane('Boeing', '747')  # Create a Plane object

for x in (car1, boat1, plane1):
    print(x.brand)
    print(x.model)
    x.move()
```

Output:

```
Ford
Mustang
Move!
Ibiza
Touring 20
Sail!
Boeing
747
Fly!
```



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Encapsulation

- It refers to making the data private by wrapping it and its methods in a 'capsule' or unit
- This data cannot be accessed or modified outside of that unit
- Encapsulation can be achieved by making variables inside a class **private** or **protected**



Encapsulation

- Variables can be made **private** by prefixing the variable name with a double underscore `--`
 - Private data can NOT be accessed or modified outside the class

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, brand):
        self.__brand = brand

    def move(self):
        return f'The {self.__brand} is moving now!'

car = Car('Volkswagen')

print(car.move())
print(car.__brand)

Output:
The Volkswagen is moving now!
AttributeError: 'Car' object has no attribute '__brand'
```



Encapsulation

- Variables can be made **protected** by prefixing the variable name with a single underscore `_`
 - Protected data can be accessed and modified outside the class
 - Adding it is simply a conventional way of informing other programmers that the variable is protected and should not be modified
 - It can, however, still be modified like normal variables

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, brand):
        self._brand = brand

    def move(self):
        return f'The {self._brand} is moving now!'

car = Car('Volkswagen')

print(car._brand)
```

Output:
Volkswagen



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Abstraction

- Abstraction is about keeping the process simple by hiding unnecessary details from the user
- This reduces the complexity of the code and ensures we only concentrate on what is important
- This is achieved by creating an **interface class** (base class) and **implementation classes** (subclasses)



- Abstraction in Python can be done using the built-in **abc** module
 - An **abstract class** (interface class) is created by passing the **ABC** class to the parameter of the current class
 - An **abstract method** is created by applying the **decorator** **@abstractmethod** before defining the method

```
from abc import ABC, abstractmethod

class Car(ABC):
    @abstractmethod
    def car_model(self):
        pass
```



Abstraction

- The abstract class and its decorated methods are for **declaration only**, not implementation
 - This means we **CANNOT instantiate** an object of the abstract class
 - If we try to create an object, it will throw an error

```
from abc import ABC, abstractmethod
```

```
class Car(ABC):  
    @abstractmethod  
    def car_model(self):  
        pass
```

```
car = Car()
```

Output:

```
TypeError: Can't instantiate abstract class Car with abstract  
method car_model
```



Abstraction

- The implementation classes will have the same method name as that of the abstract class
 - The methods in the implementation classes will **override** the method in the abstract class

```
from abc import ABC, abstractmethod

class Car(ABC):
    @abstractmethod
    def car_model(self):
        pass

class Tesla(Car):
    def car_model(self):
        print('This is a Tesla model')

class BMW(Car):
    def car_model(self):
        print('This is a BMW model')
```



Abstraction

```
tesCar = Tesla()  
tesCar.car_model()
```

```
bmwCar = BMW()  
bmwCar.car_model()
```

Output:

This is a Tesla model

This is a BMW model



THE END!!!

